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Rep. Farr Appointed to eHealth Connecticut Board of Directors



Initiative Would Store and Share Medical Records over Electronic Network

State Representative Bob Farr has been appointed by Governor M. Jodi Rell to the Board of Directors of eHealth Connecticut, an initiative that would develop an electronic network to make Connecticut patients' medical records electronically accessible around the clock to doctors, hospitals and health care providers throughout the state.

"When e-Health Connecticut is up and running, it will help prevent serious errors during emergencies by providing accurate up-to-date medical information about the victim to health care providers," said Representative Farr, R-19th District. "It also will make it possible to fill prescriptions more accurately; order medical tests and transmit and receive test results electronically."

"It will enable medical records to be shared almost instantaneously, enabling emergency room doctors to check a patient's medical history for potential drug allergies and chronic health problems prior to starting a medical procedure," Representative Farr said. "It will make emergency medical treatment safer and help hold down health care costs."

"I'd like to thank my legislative colleagues for providing \$300,000 in this year's budget to help get e-Health Connecticut up and running," Representative Farr said. "The seed money the state has provided will enable us to be one of the first states in the country to have a fully operational electronic record-sharing system within the next two years."